**To:** Gatekeepers

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**Message:**

Good afternoon CAA Network,

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released funds for ESG 23 and the HOME TBRA 23 Program Year, and the fiscal is working to make those funds available in OPUS.

**HOME TBRA Next Steps:** Within the next 3-5 business days, we will upload the 2023 Program Year Workbook and App3s to Procorem for agencies that are ready to submit for that period of time. Once workbooks are available, agencies will be able to submit for the months of July, August, and September.

**HOME TBRA Expenditure Start Date:** In approving funds, HUD gave us an expenditure start date of 8/25/23, which means agencies cannot use HOME TBA 23 funds to pay for deposits or rental subsidies prior to that start date. Most agencies should have more than enough HOME funds from prior years to cover subsidies from July. However, we realize some agencies may not currently have the funds to cover some committed costs.

Program Analysts at OHCS are committed to avoiding any disruption of services. If you do not believe you have the HOME funds available to cover the 55-day gap of HOME TBA 23 funds (7/1/23 – 8/25/23), please contact cody.sibley@hcs.oregon.gov immediately.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Expenditure Start Date:** In approving funds, HUD gave us an expenditure start date of 8/25/23, which means agencies cannot be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to that start date using ESGP 23 funds. However, several agencies have available ESG funds from prior years. Therefore, program staff will not approve an agency’s ESGP 23 Request for Funds (RFFs) in OPUS until the agency has exhausted all of its ESG funds from prior years.

If you do not believe you can reasonably spend down older ESG funds by the end of September, please contact cody.sibley@hcs.oregon.gov immediately.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Match Report:** As a friendly reminder, OHCS is piloting quarterly match reports for the Emergency Solutions Grant to comply with federal regulations. The next report is due October 31, and we will send out reminders as the time approaches.

**National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE):** Beginning October 1, 2023, HUD is phasing out the Housing Quality Standards Inspection (HQS) and will require a new form inspecting units. These new inspections standards are called the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE).

OHCS is undergoing efforts to update manuals, forms, and other materials to include references for NSPIRE. In the meantime, HUD has created guidance for recipients and inspectors, including an [online training through the HUD Exchange](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hudexchange.info%2Ftrainings%2Fnspire-training%2F&data=05%7C01%7CNicole.SERVIN%40hcs.oregon.gov%7C047ca963bf224814ecee08dba99ed133%7Caa3f6932fa7c47b4a0cea598cad161cf%7C0%7C0%7C638290271817800070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Dx4jX61gydbKELIdY%2FlRqeoiumelknlyWxw6vbHgrJ0%3D&reserved=0). Please use the links below to learn more about these new standards, and email NSPIRE@hud.gov for additional questions.

* [NSPIRE Home Page](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hud.gov%2Fprogram_offices%2Fpublic_indian_housing%2Freac%2Fnspire&data=05%7C01%7CNicole.SERVIN%40hcs.oregon.gov%7C047ca963bf224814ecee08dba99ed133%7Caa3f6932fa7c47b4a0cea598cad161cf%7C0%7C0%7C638290271817800070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yGOR7wYw5qUtLjLvbV5SqXF0TzWVZqaCTzuiREwXY6M%3D&reserved=0)
* [NSPIRE Mission and Vision](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hud.gov%2Fprogram_offices%2Fpublic_indian_housing%2Freac%2Fnspire%2Fmission-vision&data=05%7C01%7CNicole.SERVIN%40hcs.oregon.gov%7C047ca963bf224814ecee08dba99ed133%7Caa3f6932fa7c47b4a0cea598cad161cf%7C0%7C0%7C638290271817800070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SxZUrKr7mfWpnq6m8EQofA7Yryl%2BZvsZd2lg4ZUy4M4%3D&reserved=0)
* [NSPIRE Resources](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hud.gov%2Fprogram_offices%2Fpublic_indian_housing%2Freac%2Fnspire%2Fresources&data=05%7C01%7CNicole.SERVIN%40hcs.oregon.gov%7C047ca963bf224814ecee08dba99ed133%7Caa3f6932fa7c47b4a0cea598cad161cf%7C0%7C0%7C638290271817800070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7WLgqIewuauGDYzl9qRdEk%2BFNdldDxvEDYHN%2BDTmgt0%3D&reserved=0)
* [Tool Kit](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hud.gov%2Fprogram_offices%2Fpublic_indian_housing%2Freac%2Fnspire%2Ftoolkit&data=05%7C01%7CNicole.SERVIN%40hcs.oregon.gov%7C047ca963bf224814ecee08dba99ed133%7Caa3f6932fa7c47b4a0cea598cad161cf%7C0%7C0%7C638290271817800070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OyoqoGVs7jp5rJFezS4D0efYKXLb1ILv29DiLrvLR8A%3D&reserved=0)
* [Online Training](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hudexchange.info%2Ftrainings%2Fnspire-training%2F&data=05%7C01%7CNicole.SERVIN%40hcs.oregon.gov%7C047ca963bf224814ecee08dba99ed133%7Caa3f6932fa7c47b4a0cea598cad161cf%7C0%7C0%7C638290271817800070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Dx4jX61gydbKELIdY%2FlRqeoiumelknlyWxw6vbHgrJ0%3D&reserved=0)
* [NSPIRE Score Calculator](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hud.gov%2Fsites%2Fdfiles%2FPIH%2Fdocuments%2FHUD_NSPIRE_Score_Calculator_UPDATED.xlsx&data=05%7C01%7CNicole.SERVIN%40hcs.oregon.gov%7C047ca963bf224814ecee08dba99ed133%7Caa3f6932fa7c47b4a0cea598cad161cf%7C0%7C0%7C638290271817800070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ESpSxWUu1MmDr1mfrUlp0VJB87Jj8sArUnph2cl1x2o%3D&reserved=0)